2. M/s. Naval Singh Ka Sahkari Sakkar Karkhana, Burhanpur.

Punjab

1. M/s. Taran Taran Co-op. Sugar Mill Ltd., Dist. Ludhiana.

2. M/s. Budhewal Co-op. Sugar Mlss Ltd., Dist Ludhiana.

3. M/s. Nakodar Co-op. Sugar Mills Ltd., Dist. Jalandhar.

Maharashtra

1. M/s. Vrideshwar SSK Ltd., Pathardi, Dist. Ahemadnagar.

2. M/s. Sant Eknath SSK Ltd., Paithan, Dist. Aurangabad.

Rajasthan

1. M/s. Keshoraipatan Sahakari Sugar Mills, Keshoraipatan.

Tamil Nadu

1. M/s. M. R. Krishnamoorty Co. operative Sugar Mills Ltd. Sethia Thoppu, South Arcot District.

2. M/s. N.P.K.R.R. Co-op. Sugar Mills Ltd., Thalainair Quaid-E-Milleth District.

3. M/s. Triuthani Co-op. Sugar Mills Ltd., Tiruvalangadu.

Amendment in Indian Forest Act, 1927

11. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to amend the Indian Forest Act of 1927;

(b) if so, what are the changes in the offing.

(c) the salient features of the Amendment Proposed; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir Indian Forest Act, 1927 is the principal legislation which regulates the management of forest by the States. In same State the Act has been brought into force as it is while some of the States have enhanced their own Acts which in essence are the adopted versions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927. Since its adoption, forestry has undergone many conceptual changes leading to the new National Forest Policy, 1988. Consequently need has been felt for a revised and more comprehensive legislation which would take into account the new National Forest Policy and the emerging imperatives of conservation of Forests.

(b) to (d) Broadly speaking, the new provisions/amendments proposed include the following categories.

(1) Amendments to the existing provisions in order to make these more effective. Enhancement of penalties, modifications in settlement procedure for notification of Reserved Forests etc. would fall into this category.

(2) Incorporation of certain provisions which already exist in some of the State either by way of amendment to the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or by virtue of new Acts enacted by the States Powers given to the Forest Officers for confiscation of vehicles etc. special provisions for sandal wood and red sanders, Central on saw mills, regulation on felling of trees in rural and urban areas are some such provisions.

(3) Provisions which do not exist in any other Act but are warranted to give effect to the National Forest Policy, 1988 such as constitution of Village Forests to be managed by the community, certain exemptions to registered tree growers in respect of felling and transport of forest produce, management of forests in accordance with approved working plan exemption on land ceiling for tree plantations etc. are also proposed.

The draft legislation has been circulated to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations and the comments received from them are being examined for finalising the draft. Consultation has also been initiated with Non-Government Organisaions so that their view may also be adequately reflected in the final draft.

Pollution Caused BCIL and BCCL washeries

12. SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Ltd. and BCCL washeries are the main cause for pollution and environmental degradation in their areas of operation; and

(b) if so, what effective measures Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir. Re-circulation system has been introduced in washeries so that negligible discharge of effluent outside the washeries takes place.

(b) BCCL has constructed settling tanks for slurry and these are being cleaned regularly by mechanised system of slurry pond cleaning and State Pollution Control Board is regularly monitoring the operation of these measures.

प्रदूषण नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम

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(क) क्या सरकार प्रदूषण नियंत्रण कार्यक्रमों सहित पर्यावरणीय योजनाओं में जनता को भागीदार बनाने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पर्यावरण और वन संत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां। प्रदूषण नियंत्रण कार्यक्रमों सहित विभिन्न, पर्यावरणीय कार्यक्रमों में जनता को भागीदार बनाने के बारे में अनेक सरकारी स्कीमें हैं।

(1) स्थानीय गैर सरकारी संगठनों की मदद से विभिन्न पर्यावरणीय मुद्दों पर लोगों को जागरूक बनाने के लिए राष्ट्रीय पर्यावरणीय जागरूकता कार्यक्रम बनाया गया है।

(2) पारिस्थितिकीय परिरक्षण और पर्यावरण संरक्षण से संबंधित विभिन्न विधियों में स्कूली बच्चों की सहभागिता को बढ़ावा देने के लिए पारिकल्पों के एक नेटवर्क की स्थापना की गई है।

(3) राष्ट्रीय वनीकरण और पारि-विकास बोर्ड द्वारा पारि-पुनरुद्धार के क्षेत्र में स्वैच्छिक संगठनों के लिए सहायता अनुदान स्कीमें कार्यान्वित की जा रही है।

(4) गंगा परियोजना निदेशालय गंगा नदी के किनारों पर, विशेषकर हरिद्वार और इलाहाबाद के कुंभ मेलों जैसे महत्वपूर्ण उत्सवों के समय, प्रदर्शनियां लगाने अथवा पौधरोपण कार्यक्रम चलाने के लिए स्वैच्छिक एजेंसियों को वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करता है।